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# WE LIGHT UP CHIREDDZI

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‘Service through Integration’  
‘Follow Your Dream’



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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

### Presidential Message

Dear Fellow Lions,

As we close the year 2013 I would like share this message with all of you.

We have managed to re-activate our club, yes it took longer than anticipated but all the same we need to celebrate. I would like to thank our District Leadership, DAC Lion Maureen, GMT Leader PDG Mapanda, Region Chair Lion Cosmas, Zone Chair Lion Fidelis and all our club members. In future we should do all we can to protect our charter, it's a collective responsibility.

Fellow Lions, Our Leos made us proud by connecting us to Chiredzi Children's Home, Chiredzi Prison and Nandi Secondary School. Those who attended these functions will agree with me that we provided these communities with entertainment, food and stationery donations at the right place, the right time. Thank you Lion Piraishe, Lion Anthony, Lion Samson, Lion Theresa, Leo Tino, The School headmaster and staff.

I also want to congratulate the project team, our relationship with Chiredzi Town Council has yielded very positive results. Three properties were donated to us to build a 300 bed CATA-RACT HOSPITAL, Bus Stop Shade and a play ground for Children and the youth of our community. Indeed these are long term projects which can even be extended to Zone, Region or our District but as a club work on these projects starts now.

Fellow Lions, The membership team is ready to induct 6 new Lions. Well done to the team for the tremendous efforts. On a sad note though, we bid farewell to Lion Fungai and Lion Pasi who have both relocated to Harare and Victoria Falls respectively due to work commitments. This is a very big loss to our clubs as both members were quite pivotal in our service efforts. We shall connect them to clubs in their respective areas.

On the 14th of December 2013, 50 trees were donated to Chiredzi Prison and Buffalo Range Airport during their year end Christmas parties. Thank you Lion Steve, Lion Jacob, Prospective Lion Jesmine and Prospective Lion Costain for making this a success. We had so much to drink and we had lots of fun.



Traditionally we do an activity at the General Hospital every 26th of December. This year Lion James, Lion Marcus and Lion Theresa had a surprise for us. Thank you for your efforts.

Nicholas's school fees were paid and he is said to be doing well in his studies. We wish him well.

Fellow Lions, convention time is nearing, its just 4 months away so please lets register to attend the 52nd D412 Convention in Harare.

Our International President, Lion Barry Palmer will be visiting our District on the 10th of February 2014. Lets all plan for the trip to Malawi to meet him and his delegation of senior Lions from the International Cabinet.

Fellow Lions let me remind you to pay up your International and District dues. Thanks to our Treasurer, Lion Judith as we all have our invoices, lets pay in time.

Finally I would like to thank the two Vice Presidents and the Board for all the assistance given to me, without them we would not have gone this far.

I wish you a service filled 2014!

Lion David Saunyama  
Club President





## MEMBERSHIP



The year 2013 has ended on a high note for the Lions Club of Chiredzi with regards to membership. We look forward to another half year of membership retention and growth.

We successfully got the club reactivated on the 28th of November 2013. Well done to all the Lions for achieving the reactivation of the Club.

Our books currently hold 27 members, although we have lost 2 members who are due to be transferred to other Clubs early next year namely Lion Fungai and Lion Amon.

In line with membership development, we have successfully launched the Leo Program in our club which I believe will go a long way in increasing the number of service hands and initiatives.

Our MMRs are up to date as at Dec 2013, we would like to thank the Secretary for the good effort.

We have a total of 6 prospective Lions (Costain, Alfred, Jesmine, Laiton, John & Nasiel) of which 5 are ready for induction and have undergone the pre-induction process and participated in various projects.

On behalf of the membership committee I'd like to encourage all Lions to continue inviting quality members and encourage fellow Lions to continue the good work in the community of Chiredzi.

IPP Lion Mathias  
Membership Director



### LEOS ROAR!!!! LETS ENJOY OURSELVES!!!

The new Leos have hit the ground running and have already made numerous initiatives to reach out to the community of Chiredzi. With a total membership of around 90, the LEOS are quite a 'useful handful'.

#### Humour Corner

John picked up a blackberry Z10 in a taxi. He checked through the contacts and found "MY number 2" then he called it and luckily the owner answered

"Wow! Thank God! Where did you pick the phone"

John quickly interrupted "not so fast lady, please give me your address."

"You want to bring the phone? Wow that's so nice of you. If only this country was full of good people like you..."

John interrupted "What nonsense are you saying? I want to come and collect the charger!"

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"How to Fly A Plane".

His joy was to the fullest. He opened the first page and it read:

1. To start the engine push the green button.

Which he did and the airplane engine started. He was so anxious that he could not wait to fly the airplane, he turned to the second page and it read:

2. Push the red button to move the plane.

This he did, the plane began to move.

3. Push the white button to fly the plane.

After hours of flying he was now ready to land, he then opened the fourth page which read:

4. To land this plane read our next pamphlet which will be out next year. Thank you.



# LEOS FEED THE PRISIONERS



On the 28th of November the Chiredzi Christian Leos went to Chiredzi Prison where they donated numerous food items to the inmates as listed above.

The event was characterized by a drama by the inmates which centered on Abuse of the girl child in the school. The Prison Chaplain, Pastor Phiri also weighed in with a vital biblical message centered on the choice of friends by youth being key to their success or demise. There was also lots of entertainment provided by the Leos from Chiredzi Christian.

In attendance were the Leos (All members of Chiredzi Christian Leos Club), The Lions (David, Piraishe, Anthony, Sam, Theresa & Prospective Lion Costain), Chiredzi Christian staff (10 members of staff including their Principal) and The Prison Authorities (Captain, Chaplain Pastor Phiri & a group of 25 inmates)

## Chiredzi Prison Donations list

60kg of sugar  
30kg of rice  
32 liters of cooking oil  
7 cases of Mazowe orange crush  
40 bars washing soap  
7kg of salt  
1kg mint sweets  
2 bibles  
2kg of mufuswa  
4kg tea leaves  
18 tissue rolls

*"We feed the hungry"*



Picture 1: The Lions and Chiredzi Christian Staff members pose for a photograph with a group of prison inmates.

Picture 2: Some of the food stuffs presented to the prison inmates.

Picture 3: Lion President David is assisted by Lion Sam, Chiredzi Christian Principal Mr. Zvada and Chiredzi Christian Chaplain to handover the donations to the Captain from Chiredzi Prisons.

Picture 4: Lion Theresa and one of the Leos share a light moment with the inmates, the traditional dancers.

Picture 5: Part of the crowd that gathered to witness the occasion mainly comprised of Leos from Chiredzi Christian Leos Club.

Picture 6: An inmate receives a bible and some drinks from the Chaplain and the Captain.







## THE LEOS INDUCTION IN PICTURES



Picture 1: The Zone Chair Lion Fidelis addresses the Leos.

Picture 2: PLDP Lion Anthony takes the Leos through their oaths.

Picture 3: Leos Tino & Nomatter assist Lion Theresa to serve the eats.

Picture 4: Lion President David Saunyama hands over a certificate of membership to Leo President Pride Tshuma.

Picture 5: Lets Enjoy Ourselves! The Leo take to the dance floor.

Picture 6: Some of the Lions who attended the induction, Lion Sam, Lion Farai, PLDP Lion Anthony & DAC Lion Piraishe.

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## TREE PLANTING

### 10 Reasons Living Trees Are Valuable

#### 1. Trees Produce Oxygen

Let's face it, we could not exist as we do if there were no trees. A mature leafy tree produces as much oxygen in a season as 10 people inhale in a year. What many people don't realize is the forest also acts as a giant filter that cleans the air we breath.

#### 2. Trees Clean the Soil

The term phytoremediation is a fancy word for the absorption of dangerous chemicals and other pollutants that have entered the soil. Trees can either store harmful pollutants or actually change the pollutant into less harmful forms. Trees filter sewage and farm chemicals, reduce the effects of animal wastes, clean roadside spills and clean water runoff into streams.

#### 3. Trees Control Noise Pollution

Trees muffle urban noise almost as effectively as stone walls. Trees, planted at strategic points in a neighborhood or around your house, can abate major noises from freeways and airports.

#### 4. Trees Slow Storm Water Runoff

Flash flooding can be dramatically reduced by a forest or by planting trees. One Colorado blue spruce, either planted or growing wild, can intercept more than 1000 gallons of water annually when fully grown. Underground water-holding aquifers are recharged with this slowing down of water runoff.

#### 5. Trees Are Carbon Sinks

To produce its food, a tree absorbs and locks away carbon dioxide in the wood, roots and leaves. Carbon dioxide is a global warming suspect. A forest is a carbon storage area or a "sink" that can lock up as much carbon as it produces. This locking-up process "stores" carbon as wood and not as an available "greenhouse" gas.

#### 6. Trees Clean the Air

Trees help cleanse the air by intercepting airborne particles, reducing heat, and absorbing such pollutants as carbon monoxide, sulfur dioxide, and nitrogen dioxide. Trees remove this air pollution by lowering air temperature, through respiration, and by retaining particulates.

#### 7. Trees Shade and Cool

Shade resulting in cooling is what a tree is best known for. Shade from trees reduces the need for air conditioning in summer. In winter, trees break the force of winter winds, lowering heating costs. Studies have shown that parts of cities without cooling shade from trees can literally be "heat islands" with temperatures as much as 12 degrees Fahrenheit higher than surrounding areas.

#### 8. Trees Act as Windbreaks

During windy and cold seasons, trees located on the windward side act as windbreaks. A windbreak can lower home heating bills up to 30% and have a significant effect on reducing snow drifts. A reduction in wind can also reduce the drying effect on soil and vegetation behind the windbreak and help keep precious topsoil in place.

#### 9. Trees Fight Soil Erosion

Erosion control has always started with tree and grass planting projects. Tree roots bind the soil and their leaves break the force of wind and rain on soil. Trees fight soil erosion, conserve rainwater and reduce water runoff and sediment deposit after storms.

#### 10. Trees Increase Property Values

Real estate values increase when trees beautify a property or neighborhood. Trees can increase the property value of your home by 15% or more.

Source: [http://forestry.about.com/od/treephysiology/tp/tree\\_value.htm](http://forestry.about.com/od/treephysiology/tp/tree_value.htm)



In line with the National Tree planting week in Zimbabwe, observed every first week of December and the Lions Tree Planting Campaign ushered in by Past International President Wing Kun

Tam, Chiredzi Lions made efforts in this regard.

Lion Steve donated 50 trees which were handed over to Chiredzi Prison and Buffalo Range Airport during their respective Christmas Parties. Some 25 trees were also pledged to Nandi Secondary School. The Leos have also pledged to spearhead the planting of trees in their respective schools.



Above: Lion Steve hands over the donation of 25 trees to Chiredzi Prison personnel while the inmates, Lion David, Lion Jacob and Prospective Lion Costain look on.

Below: Lion President David leads a team of Lions namely Lion Stanley, Lion Steve and Prospective Lion Jasmine as they handover a donation of 25 trees to the Civil Aviation Authority of Zimbabwe.







## FOOD DONATIONS - CHILDREN'S HOME

### Chiredzi Children's Home

#### Donations list

60kg Sugar  
36 liters of cooking oil  
7 cases Mazowe orange crush  
43kgs of rice  
5kg of salt  
8kg of flour  
3 tea cups  
1 case of tissue rolls  
Toiletries  
Toys  
2 boxes of biscuits  
Stationery  
2 packets of Royco soup  
1kg tea leaves  
1 pocket of onions  
1 box of butternuts  
4 packets of chips  
20 tablets of bath soap  
44 bars of washing soap  
40kgs maize grain  
Surf washing powder  
Clothes  
Shoes  
1 umbrella  
1 Men's suit  
2 packets sweets  
4 cases sparkling drink

Picture 1: Some of the food items donated to the Children's home.

Picture 2: Leos provide entertainment in form of dancing moves led by their Tail twister Leo Wellington.

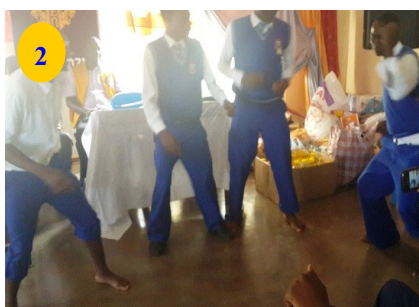
Picture 3: Some of the children from the home and Chiredzi Christian students present.

Picture 4: Lions and Chiredzi Christian stuff tour the home.



On 28th of November 2013, Chiredzi Christian Leos Club successfully held their first project - The Food Donations to Chiredzi Children's Home. This event attracted the attention of at least a dozen of their school stuff, (including their Principal, Mr. Zvada) half a dozen Lions (among them the Lion President, Lion David), and authorities of the Children's home to witness this event. The event was a well organized program full of entertainment organized by the Leos with co-directors of ceremony Leo Rejoice and Leo President Pride taking full command of the event.

Besides the entertainment comprised of dramas, poems and dance, there was also an opportunity for Lions and Chiredzi Christian Stuff members to tour the Home and identify other opportunities for further assistance. The list of the items donated are listed on the left. A few items were donated by the Lions Club of Triangle while the Leos through their fundraising efforts procured the rest of the items donated to the Children's home.



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## READING ACTION PROGRAM AT NANDI



In line with the Lions Reading Action Program, Chiredzi Government Leos Club identified a needy society in Nandi in this regard.

Nandi Secondary School is a satellite school on the borders of Chiredzi and has no learning infrastructure at all despite an enrolment of about 150 pupils and 10 teachers. Most of the children at this school come from poor farming community. There are no formal classrooms at Nandi and the children and teachers have to make do with pole and thatch structures to conduct their lessons. The Roman Catholic Church is currently actively involved in initiatives to build classroom blocks for the school.

Chiredzi Government Leos took the opportunity to donate stationery to the pupils in form of exercise books, pens and rulers in an event attended by the Chiredzi Lions President, Lion David, First VP Lion Piraishe, PP & Leo Advisor Lion Sam and the Leos of Chiredzi Government High School and their teachers.

The Headmaster of the school, Mr. Chikoto was quite humbled by the Leos initiative and thanked the Lions for coming up with such a program to involve the youth. The Leo President, Leo Tatenda pledged to continue supporting Nandi Secondary School in various ways.

A tree planting ceremony was also done at the end of the presentation with the Lions and Leos pledging to donate some 25 trees to the school.



Picture 1: Leo Memory hands over the stationery to the Headmaster, Mr. Chikoto assisted by the Lion President Lion David and Leo Advisor Lion Sam Homera.

Picture 2: The pupils from Nandi Secondary School pose for photos with the Leos from Chiredzi Government.

Picture 3: Lion President, Lion David and Leo President, Leo Tatenda plant a tree at Nandi Secondary School.